Nepal Inter-Government Committee Meeting held in Delhi on December 10-12-1999, the attention of the Nepalese authorities was invited to the adverse impact of export of vegetable (Vanaspati) oil from Nepal to India on Indian Industry. Nepalese authorities have assured that they would implement the Treaty of Trade in its letter and spirit.

Amendment to Advocated Act

1313. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Advocates Act 1961 so as to incorporate there is cretain suggestions given by the Law Commission of India;

(b) whether the Bar Council of India have also given any suggestions in this regard and, if so, whether Government propose to discuss the same with then;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the Bar Council of India are planning to go on hunger strike for one day on this issue; and

(d) whether Government propose to settle the issue ammicably before introduction of above Bill in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) At present, there is no proposal to amend the advocates Act, 1961. The Law Commission of India has undertaken study of the Adovcates Act, 1961 and has circulated a Working Paper on its review to various institutions, including the Bar Council of India, for comments. The Law Commission has not yet finalised its report;

(b) The Bar Council of India has not yet given its comments on the Working Paper. So, question of any discussion does not arise;

(c) The Bar Council of India has observed 24th Februrary, 2000 as protest day;

(d) In view of reply to Part (a), question does not arise.

Administration of Justice

†1314. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that justice has become expensive and scarce nowadays; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.